

Low Income Housing:

Another method of improving housing conditions in the Biscoe area would be to provide better housing alternatives for low income families.

Low income public housing is one approach to improving housing conditions for families with very limited incomes. For such projects the Public Housing Administration insures loans to local housing authorities to enable them to finance new construction, purchase or rehabilitate existing structures, or obtain long-term or short-term leases from private owners. Once the housing is obtained, the Public Housing Administration will also make annual contributions or grants on a 90-10 matching basis to assist the local housing authority in maintaining the low-rent character of the project. This grant is used to make up the difference between operating costs and the rents collected from low-income or disabled tenants.

Biscoe officials have already taken steps to obtain public housing units. Efforts are underway to try to set up a county-wide housing authority. More efficient administration and more competent administrative officials can be obtained under such a joint venture.

Assistance in home ownership by low income families is also available through several federal agencies. Town officials, developers, and individuals need to explore the various ways of providing such opportunities in the Biscoe area. Assistance in these matters can be obtained by contacting the State Housing Coordinator, Department of Local Affairs, P. O. Box 1991, Raleigh, N. C., 27602. The Department of Local Affairs is located at 310 North Blount Street and the telephone number is 829-3174.

Streets and Thoroughfares:

The State Highway Commission provides for the mutual adoption of thoroughfare plans by governing bodies of towns and counties and the Commission. The adopted plan then